

REMARKS

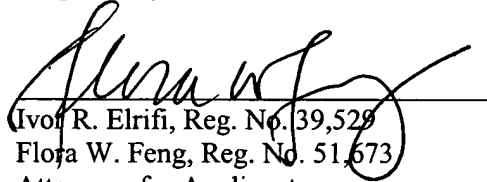
In the specification, amendments have been made as set forth above to correct minor editorial and typographical problems. No new matter has been added to the specification.

Applicants believe no further fee is due at this time; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference Number: 24852-501 CIP3 (Customer Number: 35437).

If there are any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Date: December 22, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ivor R. Elrifi', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

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